



Academy of Richmond County

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

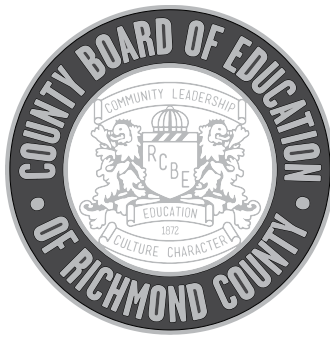


Class of 2023



MAY 26, 2023 • 2:00 PM
JAMES BROWN ARENA, 601 7TH ST.
AUGUSTA, GA 30901

JASON MEDLIN, PRINCIPAL



Richmond County Board of Education

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PLEASE NOTE: Graduation from high school is a milestone for the students and their families. The dignity of the occasion should be observed by refraining from whistling, yelling or applauding for any student. Your congratulations can best be shown by applauding for all students after the last graduate has been awarded a diploma. When taking pictures, please keep the aisles open and the front of the stage clear so that the events that have been planned for this occasion can proceed as scheduled.

ACADEMY OF RICHMOND COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Commencement Program

Prelude

*Processional.....“Pomp & Circumstance”
ARC Orchestra led by **Amy Ellington**

*Presentation and Posting of Colors..... JROTC Color Guard

*Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.....**Nehemiah Horton, Honor Graduate**

Inspirational Reading.....**James Kay, STAR Student**

Welcome**Lucy Fulcher, Honor Graduate**

Salutatorian Address**Sydney Swoope, Salutatorian**

Valedictorian Address.....**Samuel Jackson, Valedictorian**

Recognition of Superintendent,

Board Members and Superintendent’s Cabinet.....**Jason Medlin, Principal**

Presentation of the Class of 2023**Jason Medlin**

Awarding of Diplomas.....**Jason Medlin**

Assisted by:

Mr. Charlie B. Walker, Jr., President of the Richmond County Board of Education

Mrs. Shawnda Griffin, Vice-President of the Richmond County Board of Education, District 1

Ms. Venus Cain, Richmond County Board Member, District 9 (at-large)

Mr. Courtney Flournoy, Assistant Principal

Mr. Scott Guinn, Assistant Principal

Mrs. Chequita Stephens, Assistant Principal

Mrs. Carson Thompson, Assistant Principal

Musical Selection.....ARC Senior Ensemble,
Dr. Jamyle Searcy, Director

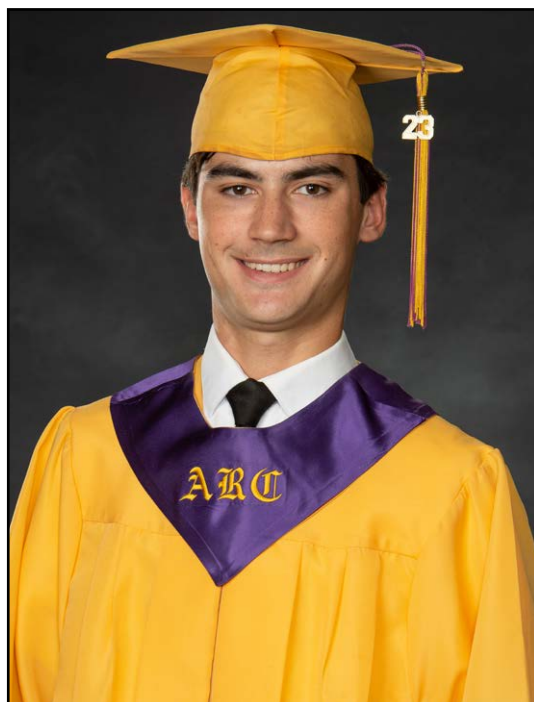
Awarding of Honors, Grants, and Scholarships**Sonya Bolden Weaver, Counselor**

Tassel Ceremony.....**Chardecia Hosendove, Class President**

*Alma Mater.....Class of 2023

*Recessional Academy of Richmond County

*Audience Standing



Samuel Peyton McGill Jackson

Valedictorian

Samuel Peyton McGill Jackson is the son of Elizabeth and Grady Jackson, III. Sam plans to attend the University of Virginia majoring in business.



Sydney Lauryn Swoope

Salutatorian

Sydney Lauryn Swoope is the daughter of Susan and Christopher Swoope. Sydney plans to attend the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill majoring in biology/pre-Med.

ACADEMY OF RICHMOND COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2023

Dominique Antoine Abraham	Ayleeana Trinity Fisher * ^	Charsie E. Lawrence	Arshana Lynn Singh *
Mykel Eugene Abrams ^	Andrew John Flythe * ~	LaNavi Brevauna Lee *	Briana Shonta Smith ^
Jane Sutton Adams * ~	Shamiah Ny'Qui Freeman	Gabriella Lee Leonard ~	Kyshawn Javonnie Smith
Alyssia A. Anderson	Trinity London Freeman ^	Chandler Rene Lewis ^	Jeremy Nathinal Solomon, Jr.
Charlotte Cora Anderson ^	Lucy Claire Fulcher * ~	Madison Joi Lewis ^	Zion Emanuel Sowell *
Khailil Anderson	Amari Nasir Gadson * ^	Ricardo Santawn Lindsay	James Edward Spears III
Kyree Jamikal Anthony	Azavier Maurice Gaines ^	Jaiden Ramel Lowery	Areyana Cheyenne Stephens *
Victoria Deasia Anthony ~ ^	Ryan Leander Paslian Galloso	Dasani LaShay Lucas * ~	Dana La'Dasia Stephens
Xavier Riley Argyle ^	Maniya A. Garnett	Derek Bryson Luther ^	Cedrick M. Stokes
Maggie Walker Bachelder * ~	Cierra N. Gaston * ~ ^	Marties D. Major	De'Asia Stone
Shanya La'Shaunte Baker * ^	Jacobi Greenon Gerhardt	Justus Camarion Martin	Shalyn Grace Stripling * ~
Reid McWhorter Barfield * ~	Ala'ja Amira Gillings * ^	Carlos Roberto Martinez	Margaret Summers * ~
Larry James Brodie Beam	Naomi Arlette Gonzalez ^	Makayla Mason-Bennett	Sydney Lauryn Swoope ** ~
Aurelia Grace Beck * ~	Xavier Joseph Gooding ^	Kaydence Claire McBride ^	Grace Eloise Thomas
Hope Marie Belanger ^	Isabelle Goodwin * ~	Timothy McClain	William Jacob Thompson *
Maleik Bernard Bell	Makenna Michelle Gordon	Kaden Donnell McCord * ~	Shana Shrue Tilfas
Tay'Kwon Sharod Bell ^	Jaelyn S. Graham ^	Julianne McCrary * ~	Paris Takira Tillman
Shatterra Renee Bennett * ^	Natalie Angileea Graham * ^	Kellen Mekhi McDuffie ~	Amir Jihad Tolbert
Alexia Jamyia Benning * ~	Kelly Randall Grant ^	Rockell McGee	Devin Marquis Tiller
Lillie Bickel-Coffman	GeNette Caley Green ^	Camron Javon McGruder	William Augustus Trotter VII * ~
Andre Dryus Blackwood	Arienna Kershana Griffin ^	Brandie Monae McIntosh * ~	Mark Everett Tudor, Jr.
Collin Jacobi Blakely	Kadeja Coseanna Griffin ^	David McLeod * ~	Joel Jackson Turner, Jr.
Thomas Maxwell Blanchard IV * ~	Abigail Gunnels * ~	Maki DeAndre McNeil	Tyasia Nicole Tuten
Thomas Walter Blanchard III * ~	Chase Latron Hall ^	Jordan Aaliyah Middleton ^ * ~	Marcus Caleb Tutt
D'angelo Michael Bolton ^	Denzeldrick LaTron Hankerson	Akasha Kaolonie Milligan * ^	Lamoliya Kameron Walden
Ashlyn Nicole Boseman ^	Makiah L. Harris ^	Jalahna Amaurie Mims	Davis Marshall Walker * ~
Thomas Vaughan Boulus * ~	Shaniya Ebony Ta'Nae Harris	Yazmine Renay Minniefield	Gene Alfred Walker
Kennedi Sierra Brantley * ~ ^	LaTreyvion Deondre Heady ^	Darren JaQuail Moore #	Gracy Demetrius Walker
William Phillips Brigham	Isaiah Angelo Heggie	Wyatt McVay Moore *	Kelby Orlando Walker
Ronald Brown III * ~ ^	Amari J. Hemingway	Adeja Kelis Amana Morgan #	Madison Le'Joi Walker *
Shamiah Janiece Burgess	Sarah Rose Henderson	Myles Joseph Morgan ^	Ma'Kya Amarianna Walton ^
Carlton Jordan Burley	Damari Rylan Henry ^ *	James Ellwood Morris IV	Kiara Hyun-Hee Washington
Jakobe Zion Bussey	Huziel Hussein Heraldez ^ * ~	Jordyn Makyah Moulton	Montasia Simone Washington ^
De'onte Nyheim Butler	Lillian Violet Holder * ~	Aniyah Lee-Ann Moy	Christian Jeremiah Waters
Dominic Adrian Cameron	Nehemiah Marquel Horton ^ *	Catherine Leigh Murphy * ~	Zaniyaha Ciara Wellman
Saleem Cannady	Chardecia Sarah Nichole Hosendove ^ +	Jackson Murphy * ~	Anne Welsh * ~
Camy Annette Carpenter *	Lamarion Quamain Demontrez Hudson	Tiana Akaria Neal *	Kathleen Adair Weston * ~
Jinyah Lamareona Carter	Carderria Irvin	Shrue Maelanie Nena ^	Calvona Deloris White * ^
Savion Christian Carter	Tarah Brandy Italien	David Alexander Nichols	Lazorian Dunder Wilkerson ^
Derick Castro	Bryce Cartaveon Ivey	James Grady Noegel	Andrew Se'Maj Williams ~
Yemaya Imani Chambers	Kimora Amani Jackson #	Katherine Kelley Norris * ~	Antoine Marquis Williams II ^
Tanya-Jamilla Elizabeth Chisolm ^	Roderick Antonio Jackson II ^	Chase Nassir Parks ^	Bryson Malik Williams
Malcom Joseph Cochrane	Samuel Peyton McGill Jackson *** ~	Serenity Lynn Paschal * ^	Freeman Jahmall Williams, Jr.
Shamya Tenae Collier	Joseph Levan Jacobs ^ +	Joshua Lee Javier Perez	Jordan Rae Williams
Ranaiya Evelyn-Marie Coward	Geovanny Jean	Chalen Andrew Perkins * ^	Keontae Shaaron Williams
Amya Rochelle Culbreath * ~	Desmond Kendrell Johnson *	Pamela Chloe Perkins	Jaylan Caire Wilson * ^
Brooks Alston Curley * ~	Thomas McGuire Johnson	William Heath Perry * ~	Carlie Denae Wooten
Lashae Denise Cutter ^	Alonzo Eugene Jones	Curry Learn Philpot III	Olivia Denise Wright *
Kiara Alaina Jade Danforth ^	Chelsea Iyona Jones	Antwan Lamar Pierson, Jr.	
Fredrick Daniel ^	Emma Elizabeth Jones * ~	Gage Lee O'Neal Poole	
Baylen Xavier D'Antignac	Gillian Sage Jones	Za'Nya ShayDreona Porter	
Delila Renee Delgado * ~ ^	Jalen A. Jones	Garris Marketh Quinn	
Alphonso Doleman III	Javis Jones, Jr.	Malori Morgan Ray	
Autumn Ann Dorceant	J'onna M. Jones	Elliott Conner Rayl	
Samuel Racer Downing * ^	Macon Louise Jones * ~	Amber Quacha' Jolie Reeves	
Damien Elam ^	Raychel Jones	Alden A Robinson	
Destini Madison Elam ^	TaRon Alexander Jones	Daijah Monet' Rollen * ^ ~	
Toni Aniya Emetu	Mohamed Kamara ^	Jasmine Jalia Safford ^	
Nadia Anasia Evans * ~	James Benjamin Kay V @ * ~	Shalexus Jonqueshia Sallywhite	
Tavis Keith Evans *	Abdoulaye Keita	Lila Grace Schafer	
Jade Nicole Fager	Andrae Lamont Kelley, Jr.	Alexis Mackenzie Schofe	
Sheniyah Kyanntha DeNora Farmer * ~ ^	Cameren Key-West	Darius Antonio Scott	
Nebiyu Isaiah Feleke *	Keyana La'Shay Key	Jhalen Nasir Scott-Hatcher	
Jenna Ariana Ferguson ^	Lacey Nell Koltz ~ *	LeLani Renee Seward	
Christian Thomas Fielding ^	Nia Antwan'e Law	Ronnie Fitzgerald Simmons, Jr.	

Key to Symbols:

- *** Valedictorian
- ** Salutatorian
- * Honor Graduate
- @ Star Student
- + DE Distinction
- # Fine Arts Diploma Seal
- ^ Career Ready Pathway Diploma Seal
- ~ IB Programme Candidate



Graduation Honor Cords / Stoles

BETA Honor

(3.5 avg. Inducted) - White Stoles

National Honor Society

(85 avg. Inducted)- Blue Stoles

ARC CTAE Pathway Completer

(Pass Test)-Gold/White

National Soc. Studies Honors Society

(Rho Kappa)- White/Blue

Academic Decathlon

(Competition/Placement) Red/White/Blue

Intl. Skills Diploma Seal

(3rd Lang & 90 avg.)-Light Blue/White

Math Team

(Competition & Placement) -Navy

FLAIR

(3rd Yr. Lang & 90avg.)-- Red

Tri-M Music Honor Society

(3 of 4 in Fine Arts Concen.) -Pink

Fine Arts Seal

(3year Fine Arts +1)- Lavendar

IB Diploma Programme

(IB Candidate)- Teal

IB Career-related Programme

(IB Candidate)- Purple

Dual Enrollment Completion

(College Diploma/Degree)- Black

RCSS Rigor Recognition

(3+ Courses-IB/Dual/AP)-Blue & Gold

JROTC Honor Society

(Service Learning & Completion)
White/Blue/Red; White Stole

National Science Honor Society

Purple/Gold//Green

Skills USA

(Salon Officer and Competition)-Red/White

Volunteerism

(50 Hours Senior Year w/ Essay)-Gray

Class of 2023 Distinguished Scholars

Jane Sutton Adams

Maggie Walker Bachelder

Shanya La'Shaunte Baker

Reid McWhorter Barfield

Aurelia Grace Beck

Shatterra Renee Bennett

Alexia Jamyia Benning

Thomas Maxwell Blanchard IV

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Thomas Vaughan Boulus

Kennedi Sierra Brantley

Ronald Brown III

Camy Annette Carpenter

Amya Rochelle Culbreath

Brooks Alston Curley

Delila Renee Delgado

Samuel Racer Downing

Nadia Anasia Evans

Tavis Keith Evans

Sheniyah Kyanntha DeNora Farmer

Nebiyu Isaiah Feleke

Christian Thomas Fielding

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Lucy Claire Fulcher

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Cierra N Gaston

Ala'ja Amira Gillings

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Natalie Angileea Graham

Abigail Gunnels

Damari Rylan Henry

Huziel Hussein Heraldez

Lillian Violet Holder

Nehemiah Marquel Horton

Samuel Peyton McGill Jackson

Desmond Kendrell Johnson

Emma Elizabeth Jones

Macon Louise Jones

James Benjamin Kay

Lacey Nell Koltz

LaNavi Brevauna Lee

Dasani LaShay Lucas

Kaden Donnell McCord

Julianne McCrary

Brandie Monae McIntosh

David McLeod

Jordan Aaliyah Middleton

Akasha Kaolonie Milligan

Wyatt McVay Moore

Catherine Leigh Murphy

Jackson Murphy

Tiana Akaria Neal

Katherine Kelley Norris

Serenity Lynn Paschal

Chalen Andrew Perkins

William Heath Perry

Daijah Monet' Rollen

Arshana Lynn Singh

Zion Emanuel Sowell

Areyana C. Stephens

De'Asia Stone

Shalyn Grace Stripling

Margaret Summers

Sydney Lauryn Swoope

William Jacob Thompson

William Augustus Trotter

Davis Marshall Walker

Madison Le'Joi Walker

Anne Welsh

Kathleen Adair Weston

Calvona Deloris White

Freeman Jahmall Williams

Jaylan Caire Wilson

Olivia Denise Wright

ACADEMY OF RICHMOND COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Faculty and Staff

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Carson Thompson

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Ethoin Rowe
Juretta Thomas
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Ashley Streets

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Christie Maund

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Amber Dumbuya
Chad Hubbard
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Niajah Moore
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Krystal Samuel
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Leary Bartels
Jamie Baxley
Deborah Fredenberg
Nancy Ginn
Vakesa Hawthorne
Abigail Johnson
William Tankersley
Amber Temple

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Kyle Blum
David Bradberry
Brian Joiner
Grady Nickel
Matthew Ryan
David Sammons
Justin Steiner (Patricia Miller)
Jabril Toney

Science

Shawn Fisher
Eriq Hearn
Felton Jackson
Meenalosani Malligaarjunan
Nicole Moss
Desire Rohde
Katie West

Foreign Language

Kayla Holland
Keysha Pacheco
Zulailed Rivera-Thompson
Marcial Rodriguez
Judith Stork

Technology/Career Education

Valerie Jordan
Angel Little
Donnie Peel
Gerald Rhoads
Malissa Royce
Natasha Youins

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MSG James Harris, Jr.
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Amy Ellington
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Charles Lanier
Jamylee Searcy

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Cindy Whiting

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Pamela Fulton
Ken Gardenhire
Delores Green
Zabian Howard
Raymond Jones
Kelly Meadows
Richard Murray
Naomi Smith
Cashus Thompkins
Mingo White

Nutrition Service

Catherine Bowen
Wendy Carter
Sandra Colann
Deborah Hardin
James Harvey
Aisha Heath
Velma Tucker



ACADEMY OF RICHMOND COUNTY

Alma Mater



BY: DR. ERIC W. HARDY

Our Alma Mater glorious stands
By old Savannah's turbid stream,
Upreared by loyal hearts and hands,
Fulfillment of her children's dream.

Her noble sons adown the years,
Have proved their courage, conquered fears,
On fields of glory, honor, tears,
Inspired by Alma Mater.

Her last-born sons go forth to prove
'Mid scenes of joy, 'mid scenes of strife,
The strength of her sustaining life,
They go at duty's stern command,
On sea, in the sky, or distant hand,
Of our fair Alma Mater.

A gracious mother, fair and wise,
Ten thousand sons she yet shall bear,
With souls unseared in honor's eyes,
With zeal to do, with will to dare,
And when their well-spent days are told,
From every deed of hero bold,
Weave thou a crown more rich than gold,
For brow of Alma Mater.